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(c) Making grants for the purpose of any research project aimed at development of sugar industry.

(d) Defraying expenditure for the purpose of building up and maintenance of Buffer Stock with a view to stabilising price of sugar.

(e) Defraying any other expenditure for the purpose of the Act.

The Funds are being utilised only for the purposes specified in the SDF Act, 1982. An expenditure of Rs. 1903.42 crores has been incurred on the above mentioned Heads since the inception of the SDF and upto 31.12.2000.

Availability of foodgrains under revamped PDS

† 3641. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether 20 kg. of foodgrains were being provided under the revamped Public Distribution System in tribal areas;

(b) if so, whether 20 kg. of foodgrains are being provided under BPL also;

(c) whether requirement of tribal areas would be met;

(d) if not, whether Government would increase the same and by when;

(e) whether prices of BPL foodgrains have been increased; and

(f) if so, whether BPL consumers would be given relief from this increase and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Under the revamped Public Distribution System (1992-97) 20 kg. of foodgrains were provided to

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all families in 1775 identified Blocks including Integrated Tribal Development Project Blocks.

(b) Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) each BPL family is entitled to 20 kg. of foodgrains per month at 50% of the economic cost w.e.f. 1.4.2000.

(c) and (d) The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) introduced in June, 1997 covers "poor in all areas" and the quantum of foodgrains provided for BPL families is uniform in all areas including the tribal areas. Allocation of foodgrains to State/UTs for BPL families under TPDS has been increased based on the population projection of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000 instead of earlier population projection of 1995.

(e) and (f) The prices of foodgrains i.e. wheat and rice have not been increased recently. The CIP of wheat and rice for BPL families were last revised downward w.e.f. 25.7.2000 which are as follows:—

Wheat	Rs. 415 per quintal
Rice	Rs. 565 per quintal

Closure of Sugar Mills In U.P.

† 3642. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Government's reaction towards the news-item published in the 'Dainik Jagran' on the 20th January, 2001 under the caption "Kendriya madad na milney per Uttar Pradesh ke saat cheenee railon kay band honay kay aasaar";

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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